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CIA Is Coming to Reston

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The U.S. Central Intelligence Agency is moving some of its operations to Reston in a major relocation that will bring hundreds of jobs to the community, The Connection has learned. The move would underscore Reston's already developing reputation as a center for top-secret defense-related business.

The CIA will lease the entire 266,000 square feet of office space at Reston Corporate Center on Sunset Hills Road and reportedly has an option on two buildings that would be added to the office park. There is enough room on the 5 1/2-acre site for an additional 450,000 square feet of space, according to a source close to the negotiations.

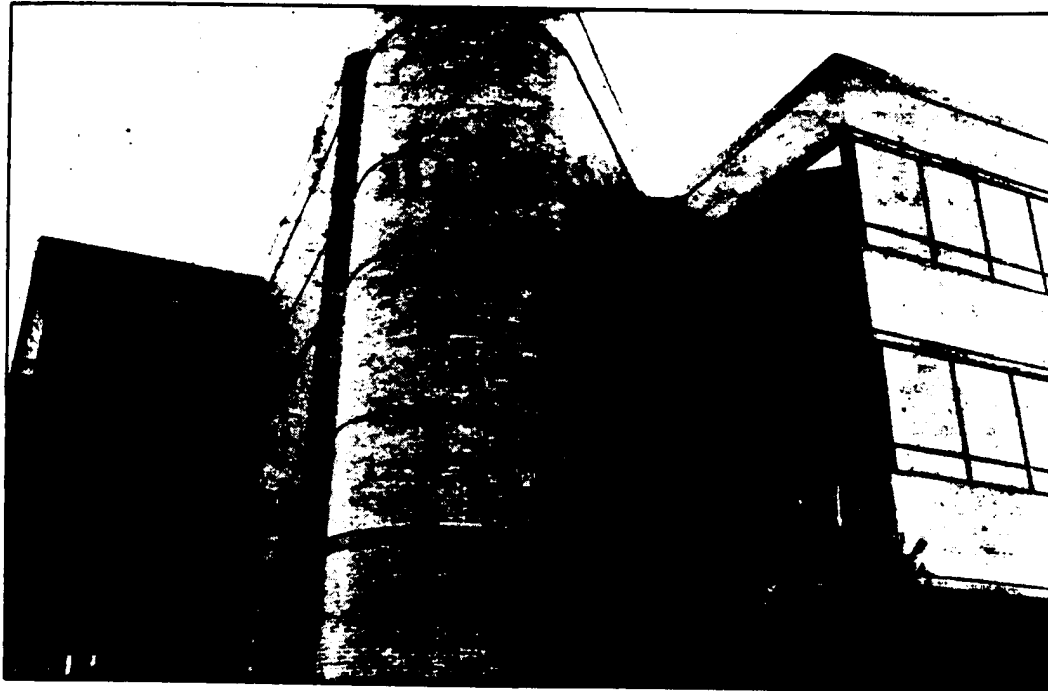
The CIA would not comment on its move to Reston, and no one would detail which of the super-secret agency's operations were involved. But the move was confirmed by three sources familiar with lease negotiations.

If the CIA occupies all four buildings planned for the three-year-old development—which could amount to over 700,000 square feet—it would probably become the second largest employer in Reston, behind only the U.S. Geological Survey. The Survey occupies about 1.4 million square feet of office space and employs about 3,000 people, according to a USGS spokesman.

GE Space Systems Division, which was the main tenant at Reston Corporate Center, moved out of its 170,000 square feet of office space last week and relocated to 60,000 square feet at Parkridge Center at the eastern end of Sunrise Valley Drive.

The CIA could start moving to Reston within six to nine months, according to Tom Jones, manager of facility and services management at GE.

Mulligan-Griffin & Associates Inc. of Reston, which is developing Reston Cor-



One of the buildings at Reston Corporate Center to be occupied by the CIA.

porate Center, would not comment on the CIA move.

The CIA said it does not reveal the location of any of its offices other than its headquarters in Langley.

GE spokesman Jones said his company moved into smaller offices at the Parkridge Center June 30. Jones said GE needed less space because of a "lull in business." He said the number of employees in Reston has been cut back from about 350 to about 250.

Reston is already a major jobs center for several high-clearance defense-related companies. More than 2,000 Reston jobs are provided by such companies as Sperry, which makes guidance systems for rockets carried by jet fighter bombers, C-3, which packages computer systems for Army missile operations and Scope Inc., which develops electronic intelligence systems for use in air defense and antisubmarine warfare.

Reston is also headquarters for two government agencies serving the Defense Department. The Defense Communications Engineering Center, which has 250 employees, writes specifications for defense communications systems. The Joint Data Systems Support Center, which has over 150 employees at Isaac Newton Square, provides computer-related assistance to the Worldwide Military Command and Control System.